

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 12, 2018

Honorable Daniel Coats
Director
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, DC 20511

Dear Director Coats:

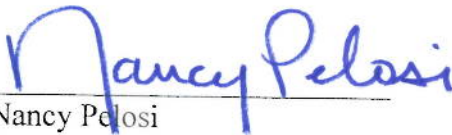
In recent days, we learned that certain classified documents that were originally made available to a small group of designated members have been made more broadly available to all members of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees. While we understand the need for congressional oversight, this action - which we understand was taken at your direction - contravenes your representation to us and our colleagues that this information would not be shared outside that group.

As you know, during our meetings on this sensitive matter we discussed at great length the importance of protecting sources and methods and ongoing investigations. All of the meeting's attendees agreed that the information discussed was among the most sensitive type of information and should be protected accordingly. We believe your decision could put sources and methods at risk.

Further, we are concerned that your action was in direct contravention of our verbal and written requests (letters on June 5, 2018 and June 27, 2018) to Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein and Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Wray.

This is a matter of serious importance and we believe a follow-on meeting of the Gang of Eight is needed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives



Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate



Adam B. Schiff

Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence



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